of w»od substitution to avoid relentless mi forests and to mil conserve the forests to preserve the environment and ecological balance ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Department of Education, Delhi Administration has placed an order for 30,000 dual deslcs made of wood teak wood in violation of Government instructions; and

(d) if so, what steps Government pro pose to take to bring Delhi Administra tion in line with Government policy ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI).
(a) The Central Government have issued instructions to restrict purchase of wooden furniture in Government offices, autonom ous organisations and public sector undertakings.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Education Department. Delhi Ad ministration have placed an order for 24.0OO dual desks made of steel cape frame with teak wood top on the basis of tenders approved in 1987-88.

I'd) Instructions have been reiterate compliance by Delhi Administration while procuring furniture for Government offi- ces and schools in future.

Rise in cess on Domestic Steel and PigIron

3853. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR MR LA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to raise the cess on domestic steel and pig iron mobilise resources to finance International price Reimbursement Scheme (IPES); and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof stating its likely impact on the domestic prices of steel and pig iron and on the user industries in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b)
Various alternatives for the augmentation of the funds of the International Price Reimbursement Scheme are under con- sideration.

Import of Concentrate Components

3854. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the current REP licences norms are likely to be re vised in the case of soft drink/fruit juice concentrates to accommodate new projects:

(b) whether Government ait atva e that the Pepsi proposal envisages higher import content in the contentratp than Coca Cola required; and

c) whether import of concentrate components is likely to be permitted in excess of current norms acceptable to local industry ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) There is no such proposal under consideration. However, the Import Policy is kept con.. tantly under review, and amendments there are considered. as and when deemed necessary.

(b) and (c) The proposal submitted by Punjab Agro is still under consideration-It is premature to. say anything in this regard